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C O N F I D E N T I A L YAOUNDE 4552

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER KEUTCHA ASKS FOR INFORMATION ABOUT
EQUATORIAL GUINEA

REF: (A) YAOUNDE 4545 (B) LIBREVILLE 2419 (C) YAOUNDE 4510 AND PREV

1. SUMMARY: AFTER AMBASSADOR HAD MADE DEMARCHE ON UNESCO JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS RESOLUTION (REF A), FORNMIN KEUTCHA TOLD US OF RECENT DIFFICULTIES CAMEROON HAS BEEN HAVING WITH EQUATORIAL GUINEA AND CHINESE IN EG. THIS SUBJECT WAS OBVIOUS REASON WHY KEUTCHA HAD ADVANCED INTERVIEW FROM 4:00 PM TO 1130 AM. IT AFFORDED US OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE QUESTION OF GABONESE DISPUTE, ON WHICH KEUTCH SEEMED FRANK AND RELAXED. AFTER THAT HAD BEEN DEALT WITH, HE TOOK INITIATIVE TO RAISE MATTER OF POSSIBLE NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR'S SUCCESSION TO DEANSHIP WITH AMBASSADOR. GABONESE PROBLEM AND DEANSHIP BEING REPORTED SEPTELS (YAOUNDE 4553 AND 4554) CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR AND DCM, DURING WHICH KEUTCHA WAS ALONE, TOOK ONE HOUR. END SUMMARY

2. KEUTCHA SAID GURC DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT GOING ON EQUATORIAL GUINEA. HE WANTED KNOW IF MACIE WAS DEAD OR ALIVE AND WHO RUNNING SHOW. HE AWARE OF PROHIBITION AGAINST OVERFLIGHT AND EG HAD THREATENED SHOOT DOWN ANY PLANE CAUGHT OVER THEIR TERRITORY.

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HE SAID GURC MAIN PROBLEM WAS THAT GOEG APPARENTLY DID NOT LIKE

CAMEROONIAN RADIO BROADCAST REPORTS OF DEVELOPMENTS THAT COUNTRY. AS RESULT THEY WERE HARASSING CAMEROONINA DIPLOMATS AND CITIZENS. HE HAD RECALLED CAMEROONIAN CHARGE MALABO AND TOLD GOEG CHARGE YAOUNDE THAT HE HAD BEST LEAVE FOR TIME BEING BEFORE HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE REQUESTED RECALL HIM. KEUTCHA ADMITTED CAMEROON DID NOT EXACTLY KNOW WHAT TO DO UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES AND SAID HE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY LIGHT WHICH AMB AND DCM COULD SHED ON EVENTS. HE INFORMED ABOUT RECENT DIFFICULTIES OF SPANISH DUE LIFTING THEIR PRESS BAN AND HE SAW OBVIOUS PARALLEL WITH OWN TROUBLES. WE OFFERED ATTEMPT KEEP HIM INFORMED AND REPORTED MACIE HAD BEEN SEEN ALIVE IN HOME VILLAGE OF MONGONO NOV 1 (YAOUNDE 4203) AND SINCE STILL REPORTED THERE. KEUTCH HAD ALSO HEARD RECENTLY AS CURRENT INFO BRAIN TUMOR STORY OF LAST YEAR AND HE INFORMED OF ITS VINTAGE.

3. KEUTCHA SAID BORDER WITH EG NOT CLOSED BY CAMEROON, BUT THEY WERE WATCHING IT CLOSELY.
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